

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 6, with the following rewritten version:

After the air conditioner 101 has been run in pipe washing mode for a prescribed amount of time, the air conditioner 101 is put into a state in which the oil collecting device 127 is not used. That is, the bypass valve 134 is opened and the inlet valve 132a is closed to configure the refrigerant circuit such that the working refrigerant bypasses the oil collecting container 131 (i.e., refrigerant circuit is changed over to the normal operation state in a step S5 after the step S4 as shown in Figure 3).